

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

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DECLARATION OF RUBBER AND COIR AS AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Natural Rubber and Coir has been classified as industrial products as per the WTO agreement;
- (b) if so, whether the Kerala Government had requested the Union Government to declare the Rubber and Coir as agricultural products; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) : Yes, Sir. The Government have already filed its negotiating proposals with WTO for including rubber and coir in the rationalisation of product coverage in the Agreement on Agriculture,